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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. SEWELL).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 15, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TERRI A. SEWELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Everlasting God, hear our prayer as we make our requests, spoken and unspoken, known to You.

Relieve us from any anxiety that prevents us from believing in and living into Your gracious plan for these days.

Remind us to look not to our own interests but to the good of this country and its people as we move forward.

Reveal to us that which is true, honorable, just, and pure. And may we, in all that we say and do, be guided by these things in serving Your people.

This is the day that You have made, and we lay before You all our plans and purposes. May our lives today and always reflect both the joy and the hope we find, not in our own accomplishments, but only in You, that all will know Your forbearance with us and Your sacrificial love for us.

We pray these things in the strength of Your holy name.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Reso-

lution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 5, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House, The Capitol,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Growing up in New Orleans East playing little league it never occurred to me that I would one day represent Louisiana's Second Congressional District. After graduating from Benjamin Franklin High School, I left New Orleans briefly to attend Morehouse College before returning home to attend Tulane University Law School. Never leaving those same little league fields as a volunteer coach I saw the needs of my community and hoped that I could make a difference.

Twenty years ago, I was first elected to represent New Orleans and every day since I strived to live up to the trust my friends, family, and community have placed in me. During that time, I have started my own family, stood side by side with my constituents through multiple disasters, and experienced joy and sorrow. Through it all, it has been an honor and a privilege to represent my home. I am eternally grateful to my constituents for giving me this opportunity.

New Orleans will always be home, but it is time to represent my community in a different way. I am writing to resign my seat in

the United States House of Representatives effective January 15, 2021. I would like to thank you and all my colleagues for working together to try and improve the lives of our constituents and make our country a more perfect union.

Sincerely,

CEDRIC L. RICHMOND.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 5, 2020.

Hon. R. KYLE ARDOIN,  
*Secretary of State, State of Louisiana,*  
Baton Rouge, LA.

DEAR SECRETARY ARDOIN: Attached is my letter to Speaker Pelosi resigning my seat in the United States House of Representatives and my letter requesting Governor Edwards to call a special election to fill the seat as soon as possible. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

CEDRIC L. RICHMOND.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. RICHMOND) the whole number of the House is 432.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(B) of House Resolution 8, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 1 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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EC-4. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting a report of 73 rescissions of budget authority, totaling \$27.4 billion, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 683(a)(1); Public Law 93-344, Sec. 1012(a); (88 Stat. 333) (H. Doc. No. 117—7); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

EC-5. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting an Executive Order that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13959 of November 12, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) and 50 U.S.C. 1641(b); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(b); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 117—8); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Financial Services, and ordered to be printed.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. HERN, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. PFLUGER, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. BARR, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. RESCHENTHALER):

H.R. 322. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. BASS:

H.R. 323. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Carrie Beatrice “Mudear” Sager, in recognition of her service to her community and nation, for peace, racial justice, and human rights; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself and Mr. RYAN):

H.R. 324. A bill to specify the Federal share of the costs of certain duty of the National Guard in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 325. A bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BEYER, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. HOYER, Mr. TRONE, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, and Ms. WEXTON):

H.R. 326. A bill to nullify the Executive Order 13957 entitled “Executive Order on Creating Schedule F In The Excepted Service”, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LIEU, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. PORTER):

H.R. 327. A bill to repeal the restriction on the use of funds by the Internal Revenue

Service to bring transparency to the political activity of certain nonprofit organizations; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. WELCH, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. RYAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois):

H.R. 328. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on certain trading transactions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN:

H.R. 329. A bill to authorize an additional district judge for the district of Puerto Rico and to convert to permanent status the temporary office of bankruptcy judge for the district of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. JONES):

H.R. 330. A bill to direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist States and local governments with the distribution and tracking of vaccines for COVID-19, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national program to oversee the collection and maintenance of all Federal and State data on vaccinations of individuals in the United States for COVID-19 to achieve mass vaccination saturation immunity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KELLER (for himself and Ms. WILD):

H.R. 331. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in training and competency requirements for skilled nursing facility and nursing facility nursing aides under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KINZINGER (for himself and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 332. A bill to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to encourage a victim-centered approach to combating human trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BISHOP of Georgia:

H.R. 333. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans disability compensation, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. COOPER, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. DEAN, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. HIMES, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. GREEN of

Texas, Mr. JONES, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. BOWMAN):

H.R. 334. A bill to provide law enforcement agencies investigating the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol with the authority to require a company to disclose the beneficial owners of the company, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of Washington:

H.R. 335. A bill to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself, Mr. ROY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POSTER, Mr. JONES, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. PERRY, Mr. KELLER, and Mr. WRIGHT):

H.R. 336. A bill to require Members of Congress and their spouses and dependent children to place certain assets into blind trusts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself and Mr. KATKO):

H.R. 337. A bill to amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 to clarify the application to informational materials posted on online platforms by agents of foreign principals of the disclaimer requirements applicable under such Act to informational materials transmitted by agents of foreign principals through the United States mails, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TORRES of New York (for himself and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin):

H.R. 338. A bill to clarify the counting of electoral votes in Congress to be a National Special Security Event; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. TORRES of New York:

H.R. 339. A bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to design and install an appropriate fence around the perimeter of the United States Capitol, including the East Front and the West Front; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. VEASEY (for himself, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COOPER, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KIND, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. VELA, Ms. WILD, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. LEVIN of California):

H.R. 340. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide the same level of Federal matching assistance for every State that chooses to expand Medicaid coverage to newly eligible individuals, regardless of when such expansion takes place; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas:

H.R. 341. A bill to make permanent certain telehealth flexibilities established in response to COVID-19; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ZELDIN (for himself, Miss RICE of New York, and Ms. MENG):

H.R. 342. A bill to provide for the issuance of a PFC Garfield M. Langhorn Memorial Semipostal Stamp to Benefit our Veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the